(b) and (c) This Ministry has not issued any notification increasing the working hours from 9 to 12. However, under NREGA, *vide* circular dated 28.5.2008, the Ministry has clarified that nine hours of works is inclusive of one hour of interval of rest. Therefore, there is no question of withdrawing the notification.

Complaints against NREGS workers in Mahoba

†1349. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received any report in September/October, 2009 regarding corruption prevailing in various works being carried out under National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS) in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the names of the officers responsible for corruption and the action taken against them; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to make NREGS corruption free?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Two complaints regarding irregularities in the implementation of NREGS in Mahoba district of Uttar Pradesh have been received in this Ministry during September/October, 2009. Details are as under:-

Sl.No.	Name of the Complainants	Allegation made
1.	Shri Munnalal and others, Gram Sabha Kudar, Tehsil Charkhari, District Mahoba	Work not provided for 100 days, payment through fake entries in muster roll under NREGA at Gram Sabha Kudar, Tehsil Charkhari, District Mahoba.
2.	Shri Sandeep Dixit, Member Central Employment Guarantee Council	Irregularities and Violation of NREGA Guidelines in Mahoba District of Uttar Pradesh

(c) The complaints have been sent to the State Government of Uttar Pradesh for taking appropriate action in accordance with the provisions of the Act. Response of the State Government has not been received so far.

(d) To make NREGS corruption free, the following steps have been taken:-

(i) A Web enabled Management Information System (MIS) (www.nrega.nic.in) has been made operational which places all critical parameters such as job cards, muster rolls, wage payments, number of days of employment provided and works under execution online for monitoring and easy public access for

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

information. More than 8.4 crore job cards and 2.4 crore muster rolls have been up loaded on the web site.

(ii) Wage disbursement to NREGA workers through Banks/Post Office accounts has been made mandatory to ensure proper disbursement of wages to NREGA workers. 8.13 crore bank/post office accounts have been opened so far.

(iii) Orders dated 7.9.2009 have been issued directing all State Governments for setting up of the office of Ombudsman at district level for redressal of grievances in a time bound manner.

(iv) The Ministry has accorded utmost importance to the organization of Social Audits by the Gram Panchayats and issued instructions to the States to make necessary arrangements for the purpose. Modifications have been made in para 13 of Schedule-I of the Act to provide for procedures on conducting social audits. The Ministry has issued instructions to the State Governments for enforcement of the new social audit provisions under NREGA.

(v) Independent Monitoring by eminent citizens has been approved.

(vi) District level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been set up for monitoring of rural development programmes including NREGA.

Failure of Central agencies in rural road projects

1350. SHRI NARESH GUJRAL:
SHRI N.K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work relating to development of rural roads in various States particularly in Bihar has been entrusted to Central Agencies such as CPWD, IRCON and NHPC;

(b) if so, whether the Central agencies have completely failed to complete the construction of rural roads in time;

(c) if so, whether the State Governments particularly Bihar has now decided to take back the task from the Central agencies and to complete it with their own efforts; and

(d) if so, the manner in which the Central Government now intends to help the State Governments to complete the task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI PRADEEP JAIN): (a) 5 Central Agencies namely, Central Public Works Department (CPWD), M/S IRCON International Limited, M/s National Building Construction Corporation Limited (NBCC), M/s National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) and M/s National Project Construction Corporation Limited (NPCC) have been engaged for the implementation of PMGSY in Bihar.